

**August 2015 EAC Employee of the Month**  
**Candace Mayweather-Whitaker**  
**Parks and Recreation Department**

I would like to nominate Candace Mayweather-Whitaker for the West Valley City Employee of the Month Award. Candace is one of those employees who excels in anything she does. She is dedicated and has a tremendous work ethic. She started over nine years ago as a part-time staff member at the Family Fitness Center and, due to her outstanding job performance and natural leadership abilities, was soon looked upon as someone who could manage and lead her co-workers. When her supervisor went on maternity leave she easily stepped into her role and continued producing financially and participatory successful programs. She took her responsibilities seriously and was heavily relied upon by co-workers, subordinates and supervisors alike. When her supervisor decided not to return to the workforce, Candace was unquestionably the top candidate for the position and continued producing the divisions' successes.

Since that time I have seen Candace's professional development and successes bloom. She is an example not only to those she supervises but also to those who supervise her. She is a member of the URPA (Utah Recreation and Parks Association) Board of Directors as the Young Professional Representative for the State of Utah and was recently accepted into the URPA Leadership Academy. She has presented at the URPA Annual Conference numerous times. Colleagues in the state reach out to her for direction and ideas. Her dedication to the profession not only helps other state agencies, it also makes her a tremendous asset to the West Valley City Parks and Recreation Department.

Candace has continued to increase community services with the programs she initially took over and has also developed and implemented many new ones. Her creativity, direction and positive attitude has created an environment which many youth want to be a part of. These are not just program participants but also the young staff whom she supervises. She has the daunting task of being a "first time boss" for many of these employees and trains them in such a way that they are not only better employees for West Valley City and the Family Fitness Center, but they are also more productive and well trained for future ambitions and goals. Her customer service goes far beyond the children, teens and families she serves. She also has outstanding customer service and loyalty to her staff which makes her a successful supervisor.

I have received multiple compliments for the tremendous services which Candace provides the community. Some of the children in her programs have difficult home lives and many have said that these programs and facilities are their second home and a place where they feel safe and welcome. Much of this is due to Candace's commitment and passion for what she does. Candace's dedication to ongoing training has given her staff the tools they need to not only be successful in their responsibilities, but also to look for those children who crave and need the little extra attention or help to make their day just a little better. What a wonderful gift this is to our community.

For going above and beyond in her dedication to the youth and families of our community, I would like to nominate Candace Mayweather-Whitaker for the West Valley City employee of the month award. She truly deserves this recognition. Thank you.

Nominated by:  
Nancy Day, Director